

as a result. That, essentially, is the bill, Mr. President. I would move for its advancement. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to commend Senator Barrett for explaining the technical details of his bill and without maybe having to go into the background or why the bill was brought to him and I will try to pass over that very lightly, myself, too. I don't think that we ever need to drag dirty laundry necessarily over the...anymore than is necessary. I had an incidence in my own area of which professional misconduct of a school teacher and the local school district seemed to be unwilling or unable to remove the teacher from teaching and it drug long through the courts and the bottom line was the teacher was allowed to retain the teaching certificate. It was for sexual abuse of a little boy in the school system. And I did check a couple years later, the teacher did resign and they did pay him still his wages for a while and he still retained the teaching certificate, and just had to be renewed in '86 and was not renewed. I will not drag the dirty laundry across the Speaker here today but I am very much in support of the bill. Senator Barrett explained it very well and my concern was that we would do harm to or we would go too far in the bill. But, as the bill has been amended...and I'm glad that the Teachers' Association has come in agreement, we don't want to harm the good teachers or we don't want to go too far. And there is a medium road in both of them but the Professional Practices Commission and so on, there does need to be a change and I hope that you support the bill. It's very much needed.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, I just wanted to say a couple of things in terms of legislative intent and all of those things, to at least give my impression of the difference between what the job of the Professional Practice Commission is versus the job of local boards of education. Any profession in this state, you know, unfortunately, because of human nature probably has its people practicing that should not be because of...of a number of unprofessional sorts of actions that they are engaged in. We have had, unfortunately, in my home community in recent years situations with dentists, with doctors, with other professions where the individual was going across the lines of